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April 19, 1901

[Inclosure.]

BARRANQUILLA, March 25, 1901.

SIR: Referring to your dispatch, No. 57, this day received, I have to say that the last case of yellow fever in this city was announced in sanitary report for the week ended December 31, 1900, from this office.

On the removal of troops from the interior, yellow fever ceased in this city.

Respectfully,

E. P. PELLET,

United States Vice and Deputy Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

COSTA RICA.

Report from Port Limon—Fruit port.

PORT LIMON, COSTA RICA, April 4, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to report my arrival at this port to-day per steamship *Anselm*. I have received from the United States consular agent the property of the Marine-Hospital Service left in his charge by Acting Asst. Surg. J. G. Thomas, as per copy of receipt held by the consular agent. I find no code and respectfully ask that one be sent me at once; also that I be supplied with the PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS, as formerly. I have assumed the duties of my office and will at once proceed to inspect the hospitals.

Respectfully,

D. W. GOODMAN,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

The case of yellow fever at Port Limon.

PORT LIMON, COSTA RICA, April 5, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to confirm by letter my cable of this date, to wit: "One yellow." Having no code book of the United States Marine-Hospital Service is my reason for not using cipher. The patient was first seen by me April 4 at 1 p. m. (the day of my arrival), at the hospital of the United Fruit Company. From the physician in charge, Dr. Steggall, the nurse of the patient, the charts of the case, information derived from responsible parties, and my own observations, I have the following history and condition:

Patient, named Richardson, male, about 35 years of age, of Canadian parentage, has been in Port Limon and immediate vicinity one month, having come from the Pacific coast via Colon. Was taken sick suddenly either Sunday, March 31, or Monday, April 1; admitted to the hospital, Tuesday, April 2. April 2, 11 a. m., temperature 103° F., pulse rate 88; 4 p. m., temperature 103° F., pulse rate 86. April 3, 7 a. m., temperature 102.4° F., pulse rate 83; 4 p. m., temperature 103° F., pulse rate 86. April 4, 6 a. m., temperature 99° F., pulse rate 98; 1 p. m., temperature 102° F., pulse rate 88; 4 p. m., temperature 99° F., pulse rate 80. April 5, 7 a. m., temperature 98.4° F., pulse rate 74. From the time of admission to the hospital there has been constant nausea, and tenderness over the epigastrium, with some vomiting. When first seen by me, April 4, 1 p. m., there was slight icterus, congested conjunctivæ, glistening eyes, and a look of anxiety. His gums were spongy, but there was no bleeding. Pains in head and back marked on first and second, but diminished on third day. There was a trace of albumen in the urine on second day, greatly increased in amount on third and fourth days. Some suppression of urine, patient going twelve

hours or more without voiding urine. On April 5 is passing more urine, containing less albumen. Diagnosis, yellow fever, concurred in by Dr. L. A. Wailes, medical inspector of the Louisiana State board of health, on his way to Bocas; by Dr. Allen Jumel, inspector of the same board, stationed here, and by Dr. Steggall, the hospital physician. The patient has been isolated and a promise given to have all bedding, clothing, excreta, etc., disinfected.

I will continue my inspection of the other hospitals and, as far as possible, of the town in general, keeping you advised of the situation.

Respectfully,

D. W. GOODMAN,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

CUBA.

Reports from Cienfuegos, Casilda, and Santa Cruz del Sur.

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, April 8, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report for the district under my command for the week ended April 6, 1901:

Twelve deaths occurred in this city, the following report showing the causes: Paludic fever, 3; tuberculosis, 2; myocarditis, 1; old age, 1; phthisis, Florida, 1; malarial fever, 1; enteritis, 1; wounds, 1; mitral insufficiency, 1. Four of these deaths occurred in civil hospital. Death rate, 16.94.

Thirteen vessels were inspected at this port during the week; 21 bills of health were issued to vessels leaving Cienfuegos; no alien steerage passengers landed; 33 health certificates issued outgoing passengers; 42 pieces baggage of outgoing passengers inspected and passed, and 16 pieces baggage from Havana destined for Manzanillo and Santiago were labeled to be disinfected at those ports.

Casilda.—Dr. Alejandro Cantero reports 7 deaths in the city of Trinidad during the week; no contagious diseases reported; 18 vessels inspected; 15 bills of health issued to outgoing vessels.

Santa Cruz del Sur.—Dr. Juan R. Xiques reports no deaths in that port during the week; no contagious diseases; inspected 8 vessels at that port during the week.

Following is a recapitulation of reports for the month of March, as submitted from this station for the district under my command: Deaths occurred in this city, 72; vessels inspected at this port, 35; members of crews inspected, 2,149; passengers inspected, 813; bills of health issued to outgoing vessels, 92; alien steerage passengers inspected and allowed to land, 22; health certificates issued outgoing passengers, 278; pieces of baggage of outgoing passengers inspected and passed, 309; pieces of baggage from Havana destined for Santiago and Manzanillo labeled to be disinfected at those ports, 108.

Casilda.—Dr. Alejandro Cantero, reports 13 deaths in the city of Trinidad during the month; no contagious diseases reported; inspected 27 vessels during month.

Santa Cruz del Sur.—Dr. Juan R. Xiques reports 1 death during the month at that port; no contagious diseases reported; inspected 25 vessels at that port during month.

Respectfully,

T. D. BERRY,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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